

BIG DOWNTOWN BLAZE CALLS ALMOST ENTIRE FIRE APPARATUS

SPEED BOSSES CAUSE OF STRIKE

EFFICIENCY SYSTEM WHICH
SPURS WORKERS TO LAST
NOTCH BRINGS WALKOUT
AT MOTOR PLANT.

Speed bosses holding stop watches
the motions of workmen and white
collar "efficiency" engineers trying to
reduce human workmen into machines
started a revolt that resulted in a strike
of nearly all the employees of the
Wisconsin Motor Manufacturing com-
pany Friday afternoon.

Following the arrival of an "effi-
ciency expert" two weeks ago and the
introduction of a speeding system, and
bosses walking to and fro holding stop
watches in their coat pockets, made
entries into record sheets of how fast
or slow the men work, a "Notice to
Employees" was posted Friday noon
on the subject of "premium depart-
ment rates."

The bulletin when explained to the
workers was to be found to be an order
that every man must either produce
30 per cent above a certain standard
or he would receive no premium at
all. The order virtually meant:

Must Hustle All the Time.
"Hustle and sweat from the first
minute you start to work in the morn-
ing. You can go ahead and work fast
and earn premiums but if your prem-
iums don't amount to 30 per cent you
won't get any premium money."

After the workmen had read the
bulletin and found out by questioning
just what it meant, they talked it over
and 40 employees walked out on strike.

Ten more followed Saturday morning
and four Saturday noon. This leaves
the Wisconsin Motor Manufacturing
company with only 15 men and among
these it is known that some are dis-
satisfied and will join those on strike.
The "efficiency system" which has
been attempted introduction is a
variation of the Taylor system. "The
best points of all other modern systems
are used in this one," said one of the
speed bosses.

All For the Boss.
The workmen say this must be true—
from the manufacturer's point of view.
"For us this system is a damnable
fraud," said a machinist. "All the
benefits of it are for the manufacturer.
If we were iron machines without
nerves or brains or feeling, it would be
different. We wouldn't kick about it.
I have seen men have their nerves
shattered and go to asylums from
these speeding-up systems. What they
are trying to do now is to make every
last man in the shop as swift as the
swiftest man in the shop. It will never
work. They can't do it."

Refuse Fair Wages.
"Not only do they want to put us
up against this hellish increase of
speed. But they refuse to pay fair in-
creases of wages for increased speed.
They offer higher pay to the man who
can equal the swiftest workman. But
to the man who just comes short of the
speed of the swiftest, they propose to
pay no premium earnings."

The Wisconsin Motor trouble is the
first open outbreak against an "effi-
ciency system" in Milwaukee. There
have been mutterings and rumblings
from a number of shops where speeding
systems have been introduced. The
Wisconsin Motor system, however,
appears to go farther than most of
them. T. M. E. B. & L. Co. Allie
Chalmers, and the International Har-
vester company are corporations that
have introduced "efficiency" system
in all or part of their plants.

LABOR HEAD IS SERIOUSLY ILL

The illness of Frank Weber, business
agent of the Federated Trades council,
Socialist assemblyman, and one of the
central figures of the Milwaukee labor
movement of the past 20 years, is
reported to be of a most serious nature.
At times two physicians have been
in attendance at his home recently.

Floretta Whaley Says She Is "Happiest Woman in the World"

NEW YORK, April 15.—"Happiest
woman in the world," according to
her own account, is Floretta Whaley,
who for five years has shared the cares
and labor of Jere Cooke, who left
his wife and his ministry of St. George's
Episcopal church, Hempstead, to clope
with his attractive parishioner.

With her two sturdy sons, born to
her and Cooke, she appeared today as
conventional a woman and mother as
could be found.

"We have lived together five years
of the deepest happiness that could
be known in the world," said the
"unmarried wife" today. "We adore
one another. I feel that in this ex-
ceptional case we have proved that we
did right when we went away together.
Yet I would be the first one to prevent
any other young girl from doing what
I did. Marriage, even the ceremonial
marriage is a great safeguard to society.
There is only one man in a million
that would have clung to me as my
husband did. For the other women

Wife of Tobacco Trust Head Presented At British Court



MRS. JAMES B. DUKE.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS LOUISIANA DELTA

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 15.—Al-
though the breaks in the levees at
Panther Forest, Arkansas and Roose-
velt, La., last night have resulted in
the flooding of practically 1,000 square
miles of territory in the Louisiana
delta, levee engineers are hopeful to-
day that this has relieved the situa-
tion in this vicinity and that no further
disasters will occur.

The river was at a stage of 51.9 feet
today, a rise of three-tenths foot, with
a higher mark promised. The strain
on the levee is not strong, however,
owing to the breaks last night.

Vicksburg, Greenville and other towns
are making extensive preparations to
care for the thousands who will be
rendered homeless in the Louisiana
delta. Scores of small towns are under
water today and the loss of live stock
and crops will be enormous. Special
trains and steamers left Vicksburg and
New Orleans today for the affected
district.

TITANIC RAMS ICEBERG; SINKING

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Allan
line office here has been advised that
the Titanic is sinking.

The women on the great liner are now
being taken off in life boats. The
Titanic struck the iceberg shortly before
noon Sunday.

The Virginian at 2:45 o'clock this
morning is 160 miles away from the
Titanic, and is going toward it at full
speed.

NEW YORK, April 15.—A wireless
to the Allan office at 3 o'clock this
morning states that the liner Baltic is
also speeding toward the Titanic and is
190 miles away.

STEEL TRUST'S ORE HOLDINGS LARGE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Stag-
gering statistics of the enormous value
of the "steel trust's" mines of iron ore
in the region around Lake Superior,
were given today to the Stanley Steel
committee by Thomas F. Cole, of
Duluth.

One worth \$375,000,000 exclusive of
the Hill leases mines, is owned by the
trust on the Mesaba and Vermilion
ranges, Cole declared. The witness was
manager of all the trust's Lake Superior
properties until three years ago. He
said slightly over 50 per cent of all ore
in the Mesaba range was now owned
by the trust—750,000,000 tons in all.
The ore expert denied knowledge of
any intention of the "trust" to buy
the Hill mines.

Noted Chicago Woman Addresses City Club

Sophonisba Breckenridge, head of
the home economics department, Uni-
versity of Chicago, resident of Hull
house and close associate of Jane
Addams, teacher in the Chicago School
of Civics and Philanthropy, spoke to
the City club at Hotel Charlotte
Saturday noon.

When her attention was called to
her wedding ring, she said:
"My husband put it on my finger
when we went away. I did not ask
for it, but when he gave it to me I
felt the greatest delight. The spirit
of that wedding ring, and of that act,
has been about our whole life together
and I only long for the day when he
will be free and able to put the ring
there in the ceremony of the church."
She told of her experiences in fight-
ing poverty with Cooke in San Fran-
cisco and of his efforts to "make good."

HOLDS CAR CO LIABLE FOR DAMAGE

CARELESSNESS CAUSE OF
ELECTROLYSIS, IS OPIN-
ION IN CITY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE, SUIT MAY FOLLOW

Carelessness on the part of the
Milwaukee Electric Railway and
Light company and utter disregard
of their franchise provisions is
given as the cause of the electro-
lysis situation in Milwaukee by
Assistant City Attorney Clifford
Williams.

He contends that the street car
company had no right under its
franchise to attempt to carry its
return current back to the power
houses through its rails. Mr. Wil-
liams points out that the franchisees
specifically state that current shall
be "carried by overhead wires,"
and that no mention is made of
any other means of conveying the
current.

The franchisees, which were those
given the original companies and which
were renewed under the blanket exten-
sion of 1900, all contain provisions in
so many words that the power shall
be carried in overhead wires, to and
from the power houses.

The practice of the street car com-
pany in carrying the out power on
overhead wires and having the return
through the rails is clearly a violation
of the franchise rights.

The street car company is clearly
liable and although no definite state-
ment has been made from the city
attorney's office it is almost certain
that suit will be brought against the
company to compel payment for dam-
ages to water mains in all sections of
the city.

Full Damage Unknown.

The full extent of the damage is un-
known and almost impossible to es-
timate. Only an inventory or inspection
of all the mains will tell the full extent
of the damage and which will make a
court case extremely difficult to state.
However, in the last 15 to 20 years
the city has been put to great expense
in relaying and repairing effected pipe
and the cost of this is a matter of record.
It is felt, in the attorney's office,
that action might be brought on known
damage.

What will be done by owners of
big buildings is a matter of conjecture.
While it is much harder to judge the
damage it is known that most all the
iron structures of the downtown dis-
trict have been affected and actual
tests may be made to determine the
amount of damage done.

Blame Poor Bonding.

It is not a mere running of the
electricity through the pipes and the
iron structure of the buildings that
causes the damage. It is the jumping
of the current from the pipes and iron
in an effort to return to the rails and
thence back to the power houses.
Every spark carries with it a certain
amount of the metal and a continual
current will honeycomb a piece of
solid pipe in a short time.

Poor bonding by the street railway
conducting metal, giving it a high
resistance, is said by engineers to be
mostly responsible for the stray cur-
rents. Finding aamp soil a better
conductor the currents shoot off and
connect with the iron pipes, thus
causing the damage. It is the contact
of the water pipes with the iron beams
in the structure of the big buildings
that carries the currents to the build-
ings, causing the damage to private
property.

Tot, Alone in Home, Catches Fire and Burns to a Crisp

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Emergency hospital at 11:55 Saturday morning.
At about 10:15 Saturday morning Mrs. Frank Kern
returned to her home at 452 Park street, and found her
child afire. She screamed for help, attracting the atten-
tion of the neighbors, who hurried in. Blankets were
wrapped about the child, smothering the flame.

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caught fire.

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The Press Run of
The Leader Saturday Was
43,798
Our returns, overs, spoils,
etc., average about 5 per
cent of the press run.

Cardinals' Pilot Says "I'll Make Things Hum This Season"



ROGER BRESNAHAN.
(Photos by American Press Association.)

CYCLONE SWEEPS MISSOURI; 3 DEAD

FARMINGTON, Mo., April 14.—
Three persons were killed outright and
more than a score injured, two perhaps
fatally, when a tornado struck the
towns of Delassus and Knoblick,
and the county seat, Farmington, all in
St. Francois county, about 9 o'clock
Saturday night and just a year to the
day since a tornado swept the lead belt
of St. Francois county, killing and in-
juring more than 50 persons.

The dead:

Mrs. John Topping, 55 years old, of
Delassus.
Clark Parmalee, 11 years old, of
Knoblick.

Jasper Ruh, 19 years old, of Steno.
The little town of Delassus was prac-
tically destroyed, the town of Knoblick,
eight miles south, was badly damaged,
and Farmington suffered a heavy loss
by damaged buildings and killed and
injured live stock. Between Farmington
and Delassus for a distance of
three miles a strip of several hundred
yards wide was swept by the tornado
and thousands of dollars of damage
done.

Throughout the area between Farm-
ington and Delassus, barns and out-
houses were demolished, dwelling houses
twisted and unroofed and fences and
trees blown down. The St. Francois
electric railway was put out of com-
mission when the storm struck, and the
Delassus end will not be opened before
Monday. Cars were operated into
Flatriver late this afternoon.

MARINETTE, Wis., April 13.—
While watching the Houghton Douglas
falls between Laurium and Lake Linden,
Mich., Eugene Sullivan, aged 14 years,
fell into the whirlpool of water below
the falls and was drowned. A bank
of snow on which he was standing
gave away and precipitated the boy
into the water.

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Always Onward! Forward! Upward

Nine antagonistic dailies con-
stantly pouring forth columns of
abuse, distortion and misrep-
resentation have poisoned the public
mind to such an extent that the
splendid work of our volunteer
boosters in building up The
Leader's circulation to over 41,000
in four months is really wonderful
and inspiring.

Comrades, despite the intense
and violent opposition of a hostile
press, YOU HAVE DEVELOPED
THE LEADER SO RAPIDLY THAT
YOU COMPELLED THE MANAGE-
MENT TO ORDER A SECOND
BIG PRESS THREE MONTHS
AFTER YOU STARTED THE
LEADER.

THIS IS A RECORD OF WHICH
YOU MAY WELL BE PROUD.
IT IS A RECORD NO OTHER
FORCE IN MILWAUKEE COULD
HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

And just as you pitched in and
made The Leader the one factor
the enemy fears and respects, just
so we ask you now to pitch in and
make The Leader bigger and better
than ever.

The thing to do just now is to
raise the funds necessary to pay

JUSTICE SHOPS REVIVED BY DECISION

CIVIL COURTS GIVEN BLOW
IN DECISION OF JUDGE
WILLIAMS HOLDING LEG-
ISLATIVE ACT ILLEGAL.

Milwaukee county civil courts
were given a body blow and the
office of justice of the peace
given a new lease of life, in a
decision handed down by Judge
Orren T. Williams today in the
case of the State ex rel Fred
Reinemann against E. J. Burke,
justice of the peace for the
Fourth district, comprising the
Fourth and Sixteenth wards.

By the terms of the decision
the former ten justices hold over,
and Capt. Francis J. Berchard,
does not hold office, as the law
under which he was elected was de-
clared unconstitutional by Judge
Williams today.

The judge holds that the three laws
known as Chapters 423-424 and 468,
passed by the legislature of 1911 are
unconstitutional and invalid.

These three laws sought to deprive
the justices of the peace of jurisdiction
in garnishee, ejectment, replevin and
attachment cases, which comprised
the bulk of business done by these
courts.

The First Attempt.

The first attempt to put the justice
courts out of commission was by the
passage of Chapter 544 of the laws of
1909 when their jurisdiction was cut
down.

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ARREST MAN ON AN OLD WARRANT

Edward I. Slupecki, former real
estate man and dealer in loans and
insurance on Mitchell street, was ar-
rested yesterday in Los Angeles on a
charge of embezzlement.

The warrant was secured 14 years
ago, shortly after Slupecki disappeared
from the city. It was alleged that he
embezzled funds aggregating several
thousands of dollars, which had been
left with him by countrymen for in-
vestment or to be sent to relatives in
Poland.

In the spring of 1896 he was elected
justice of the peace, defeating Francis
J. Berchard. Slupecki never qualified
for the office, disappearing in the
spring of that year. Since then nothing
has been heard from him. A few months
ago news was received that he was liv-
ing in Los Angeles where he has been
engaged in business for some time. The
old warrant was resurrected and Slu-
pecki was arrested there yesterday on
complaint of the police department.
Detectives have gone to Los Angeles
to bring him to Milwaukee.

FOUR FIREMEN HURT IN THIRD ALARM BLAZE

Partial List of Injured
Joseph Mayer, Engine No. 2
Robert Dallmann, 111 Sixth St., Engine No. 20
Edward Malone, Engine No. 3
Three Others Overcome

Fire in the establishment of Younger and Stilcke com-
pany, a grocery and glassware concern, 356 East Water street,
in the heart of the business district, called most of the city's
fire apparatus to the scene with three alarms at 2:20 this after-
noon.

Four firemen were hurt, none of them seriously. All were
taken to the Emergency hospital immediately and treated
there. It is said that all will be able to leave the hospital tonight
or tomorrow.

The damage is estimated at
\$20,000.

Dense volumes of smoke made
the work of the fire fighters danger-
ous, four being overcome. Three of
them, Joe Mayer, company No. 2,
Robert Dallmann, company No. 20,
and Edward Malone, company No. 3.

Dallmann and Mayer were in such
a bad condition that it was found
necessary to hurry them to the
Emergency hospital.

This is the third fire in this
building within the past year, it is
said. The cause of the fire is un-
known. It started in the basement
where a \$50,000 stock of imported
glassware is stored and soon spread
to the third story.

In the great mounds of straw the
fire soon gained great headway,
giving the firemen a tough battle.
At 3 o'clock Chief Clancy who
was on the scene after the third
alarm had been rung in, said he
had the fire under complete control.

The water caused considerable
damage to the clothing store of
the Fein, Mosher company, which
occupies the adjoining building.
Dallmann left the hospital unaided
at 3:15 o'clock.

600 GO DOWN IN CRASH OF FLOOR

NEW YORK, April 14.—The floor
collapsing as they knelt in prayer 600
people were precipitated in a shrieking
and mangled mass into the basement
of the church of Our Lady of Victory at
Harrington Park, N. J., this afternoon.
Two were killed and 50 were injured.
The dead are:

Mrs. Nicholas Ottington, 43 years,
Westwood, N. J.
Mrs. Fritz Elkhart, 27 years old, of
Hillsdale, N. J.

Some of the injured will probably die.
Eight men and 11 women suffered
broken arms and legs and five children
were cut and bruised seriously.

The church had only recently been
completed, and the crowd gathered from
all parts of the state for the dedication
services. Father James T. Delehanty
had just signalled the congregation to
kneel in prayer. There were no pews in
the church and with one accord the
crowd sank on their knees. A crash
followed and those who occupied the
center of the room went down first and
were crushed and mangled by the
human avalanche that came down from
the sloping side of the floor.

The scene that resulted was one of
screaming human beings, broken tim-
bers and wrecked decorations. The
fire department and hundreds of vil-
lagers led by Father Donnelly worked
frantically to extricate the victims,
but it was two hours before the dead
and the more seriously injured were
reached.

How many of its probable buyers
know that your property is for
sale? Why not try The Leader
classified columns?

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Jawn D. to Call on Friend Bart?

Well, Maybe—Anyhow, He Said So

"New York City, April 12, 1912.

"Bart Ruddle, Milwaukee:

"I understand you are in the market for 1,000,000 gallons
of oil. I will call on you in a few days.

"JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

This telegram was received by
Bart Ruddle, promoter of the Vander-
bilt cup and Grand prize automobile
races, yesterday. Bart was stunned
for a second. He knew his name had
gone out over the nation as a man of
push, but he never dreamed that the
illustrious and notorious John D.
would recognize him.

He read the telegram over, steeled
back in his chair and read it a second
time.
"Wonder where he got onto it," he
said to his stenographer.
Then he remembered. And Bart is
still laughing.